

## A PERIOD OF ARMED TRUCE

persecution against the comrades all over the world  
was regularly  
reported, *International Press Correspondence* in the  
fall of 1928  
published the following article:

Appeal of the Young Communist Leagues of Persia and  
Great Britain  
against the White Terror in Persia.

One of the best and most fearless comrades in the Persian  
revolutionary  
working class movement has been murdered by the Persian  
Government.

Comrade Hedjazi, a member of the illegal Communist Party  
and Young  
Communist League of Persia, was imprisoned for his  
activities. While in  
prison he was cruelly tortured in order to compel him to  
reveal information  
with regard to the revolutionary movement, its work and its  
members. This  
he steadfastly refused to do. His death came as a result of  
the police applying  
ice to his head for three successive days. The torture and  
death of this com-  
rade is but one incident typical of the reign of terror  
being conducted by  
the Persian Government against the revolutionary  
movement. Many revolu-  
tionary workers are at present languishing in jail for such  
"crimes" as par-  
ticipating in the last May Day celebrations, or as  
"suspected" of being  
members of the Young Communist League. This brutal anti-  
working class  
terrorism is waged at the behest of and on behalf of *British  
Imperialism*,

whose puppet the Persian government is. British imperialist  
oil interests in  
Persia and the plan to use Persia as a base for military  
operations against the  
Soviet Union are responsible for collaboration of the British  
and Persian  
bourgeoisie against the Persian revolutionary working class  
movement. The  
Young Communist Leagues of Britain and Persia unite in  
protesting against  
the murder of Comrade Hedjazi, the continued  
imprisonment of the Persian  
comrades and the White Terrorism exercised against the  
workers' organiza-  
tions. Unitedly we demand the release of all imprisoned  
comrades and  
on the working class youth of Persia and Britain to sharpen  
the struggle  
against the White Terror in Persia and against British

Imperialist Domina-  
tion. *Down with the White Terror in Persia.*  
Young Communist League of Persia  
Young Communist League of Great Britain<sup>31</sup>

In another resolution adopted by the Executive  
Committee of the  
League against Imperialism at its session in Berlin in  
1928, an appeal  
was made to "fight for the overthrow of the  
Government of Reza  
Shah who enslaves the Persian people in the interest  
of British imperialism."

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